

III. REMARKS ON THE OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 25, 2003

RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

- Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)
 - The Examiner's Position:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 – 3, 15 and 16 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,385,344 to Miller *et al.* (“Miller '344”). The Examiner asserts that Miller '344 teaches a package amusement device comprising a box package, a detector associated with the package and operatively configured to detect change with respect to the package, a microprocessor associated with the package, and a signal generator. The Examiner further asserts that Miller '344 teaches the sense detected being sound and light.

- Applicant's Response

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) asserting in part that there can be no anticipation as each of the elements of the claims is not found in the art of record. However in order to expedite reissue of this case, sought nearly 4 years ago!, the applicant has amended claims 1 and 15, from which claims 2 – 3 and 16 depend, to remove the term “box.” In light of such change, and the Examiner's arguments which are directed to the “box” recitation only, Applicant respectfully asserts that the amended claims are allowable.

Applicant has also appended new claims 21- 22 which further define over Miller '344 in defining the box as a packaging box for incorporating objects and/or gifts therein, as opposed to the fabricated amusement devices of Miller '344. Further, Applicant has recited in the claims that the detector of such claims does not comprise a triggering and actuating component packaged in separate interchangeable modules as set forth in Miller '344 (see, e.g., “Field of

Invention" in Miller '344). On such bases, Applicant asserts that these claims are allowable as well.

RESPONSE TO ALLOWANCE

- Finding of Allowable Subject Matter
 - The Examiner's Position:

The Examiner has found claims 4 – 14 and 17 – 20 to be allowable.

- The Applicant's Position:

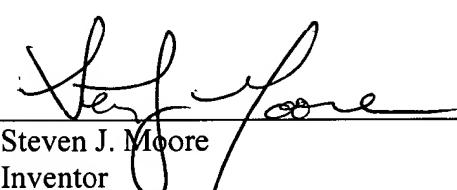
Applicant respectfully appreciates allowance of such claims.

CONCLUSIONS

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims under consideration are clearly patentable over the references of record. It is submitted that the above-identified patent application is in condition for allowance. Given the nearly 4 year delay in the USPTO's response to Applicant's reissue request, Applicant earnestly and courteously requests early notification of the allowability of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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